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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

communications method carried out (1) encoding of data, (2) generation of a request packet in accordance with a retransmission request from a receiving side, and (3) transmission of the request packet to the receiving side, in a transmission system. While, in the receiving side, the method performs (a) error-correction of the received data, (b) distinguishing of a correction block in accordance with a result of error-correction decoding, and (c) transmission of a request packet to the transmitting side if a block in the packet is judged to be erroneous by the receiving side, where one packet contains a plurality of correction blocks. Since, for a plurality of codes of a block type, it is possible to specify not only the block to be retransmitted but also the error correction, it is possible to avoid unnecessary retransmission and to attain a low bit rate.